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NEWS ITEMS

The Dallas News of July 7 describes the presentation of a dramatized version of the career of General Sam Houston by the Senior Class of the Sam Houston Normal College at their last Commencement. The play was written by the students, and was staged in the open at the old Houston homestead.

Rev. W. S. Red, of Mexia, is engaged in preparing a history of the Texas Presbytery, to be published under the auspices of the Presbytery. Associated with him in the work are Rev. F. E. Fincher of Houston, and Fred S. Robbins of Bay City.

W. L. McGaughey, former Land Commissioner of Texas, died at his home, Tolar, Texas, on March 28, 1912. He was born at Mount Hope, Alabama, February 27, 1836; became colonel of the Sixteenth Alabama Regiment during the Civil War; he removed to Texas in 1872. A sketch of his life is printed in the *Dallas News* of March 29.

Bryan Callaghan, mayor of San Antonio, died on July 8, 1912. He was a native of that city; born April 1, 1852; he studied law at the University of Virginia, and then spent some time studying in France. He was mayor for many years. The *San Antonio Express* of July 8 and 9 has a full sketch of his life.

Carl Urbantke, whose autobiography was noted in THE QUARTERLY, VI, 256-57, died at his home in Brenham, July 12, 1912.

Richard M. Wynne, Superintendent of the Confederate Home at Austin, died July 15, 1912. He was born in Haywood county, Tennessee, June 2, 1844, but came to Texas in his early boyhood. During the Civil War he served as an officer in the Tenth Texas Regiment. In 1880 he was elected to the Texas Senate, and in this position helped to frame the law which established the University of Texas. A brief sketch of his life is contained in *The Dallas News* of July 18, 1912.

John H. James, Chief Justice of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, died at his summer home near Comfort, Texas, on July 17, 1912. He was born in San Antonio sixty years ago, was trained in law at Harvard, and had been on the bench of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals continuously since its organization in 1893. A brief sketch of his career is printed in the *San Antonio Express* of July 19.

T. S. Miller, of Dallas, died at Petosky, Michigan, August 3. He was born at Jackson, Louisiana, in 1850. From 1895 to 1897 he was Professor of Law in the University of Texas, being for one year Chairman of the Faculty and Dean of the Law Department. A brief sketch of his life is in *The Dallas News* of August 4, 1912.

Dr. Sylvester Primer, Professor of Germanic Languages in the University of Texas, died at his home in Austin, August 13, 1912. He was born at Geneva, Wisconsin, December 14, 1842. He served through the Civil War in two New York regiments, the 108th Infantry and the 15th Cavalry. After the War he graduated at Harvard, and studied at various German universities, taking the Ph. D. degree from Strassburg. He had been at the University of Texas since 1891. A brief sketch of his life can be found in *Who's Who in America* for 1912-1913.

Judge A. W. Terrell, President of the Texas State Historical Association, died at Mineral Wells (Texas) on September 8, 1912. A sketch of his life will be published in a later number of *THE QUARTERLY*.

The annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans of Texas will be held at Cleburne on October 3 and 4.

The Harris County Bar Association recently placed in the courthouse portraits of Andrew Briscoe, first chief justice of Harris county; J. W. Henderson, an ex-Governor of Texas, and Charles Stewart, former Congressman. Among the rules governing the admission of portraits one provides that the subject must have made a distinct contribution to the history of the bar of Harris

county; another provides that he must have been dead at least fifteen years prior to admission.

A monument to commemorate the bravery of Colonel William P. Rogers, of the Second Texas Infantry, was unveiled at Corinth, Mississippi, August 15, by a committee of citizens of Victoria, Texas, assisted by the Corinth U. D. C. Colonel Rogers was killed in the battle of Corinth, October 4, 1862, while leading a charge at Fort Robinett.—*Austin Statesman*, August 16, 1912.

Miss Elizabeth H. West, archivist in the Texas State Library, has been in the City of Mexico since the first week in August. She is supervising the copying of historical manuscripts in the Archivo General of the Secretaría de Fomento, relating to the colonization of Texas from 1820 to 1836.